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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, EWWT, TU, GR

SUBJ: SEQUESTERED CARGO FROM LASH ESPANA

REF: A. CJUSMMAT 111109Z SEP 74(NOTAL); B. ATHENS 7603

1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY ATHENS THAT POLITICAL FACTORS REQUIRE DEFERRAL OF FURTHER APPROACHES TO GOG ON LASH ESPANA UNTIL AFTER GREEK ELECTIONS.

2. WE WISH TO POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT FURTHER DELAY IN DELIVERING THIS ARMS SHIPMENT TO TURKS IS LIKELY TO CAUSE US TROUBLE HERE. TURKISH NAVY, AIR FORCE AND GENERAL STAFF HAVE HERETOFORE SUCCEEDED IN KEEPING KNOWLEDGE OF SEIZED SHIPMENT TO SMALL CIRCLE OF KEY MILITARY OFFICIALS. TAF CHIEF OF STAFF HAS INFORMED US, HOWEVER, THAT TURKISH LAW WILL SOON REQUIRE THE TURKISH AIR FORCE TO PAY PENALTIES TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR EXECUTING UNDELIVERABLE CONTRACT WITH PREPAYMENT OF MILITARY FUNDS. THIS PENALTY ACTION IS MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BRING ISSUE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE NATIONAL PRESS. AS RESULT OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE, WE HAVE A MUCH MORE HOSTILE PRESS HERE THAN WHEN THIS MATTER FIRST AROSE AND WE

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IN MANNER DETRIMENTAL BOTH TO US-GOT RELATIONS AND
PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

3. FOR THIS REASON, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT
DUPLICATE SHIPMENT BE SENT TO TURKEY IN ACCORDANCE
RECOMMENDATIONS MADE REF A. SINCE ITEMS IN LASH
ESPANA SHIPMENT ARE EASILY MARKETABLE AT FULL
VALUE, COST OF DUPLICATION SHOULD BE MINIMAL AND
CERTAINLY LESS THAN COS OF DELAYED DELIVERY.
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